



**Written Testimony of
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Good Day Senator Winfield, Representative Tercyak, Senator Hwang and Representative Rutigliano and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with written testimony regarding ***Senate Bill 446 AAC the Definition of the Term "Domestic Worker"***. My name is Sharon Palmer and I am the Labor Commissioner.

The proposed bill seeks to update Connecticut's laws in order to provide protections not currently afforded under law to domestic workers. I am privileged to serve on the Domestic Worker Task Force. The task force was charged with studying issues involving domestic workers in the state and making recommendations for legislative initiatives to provide outreach and education services to domestic workers and employers of domestic workers in the state. The report by this task force is due on October 1, 2015.

I look forward to my continued work on this task force and assisting with the crafting of language supporting domestic workers.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input concerning this proposed bill.